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# S. 520

To prohibit the expenditure of appropriated funds on the Advanced Solid Rocket Motor program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

Mr. BUMPERS (for himself and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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## A BILL

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Advanced Solid Rocket Motor program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Deficit Reduction  
5 Through Advanced Solid Rocket Motor Termination Act  
6 of 1993”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds that—

9 (1) the Federal budget deficit has grown to  
10 such an extent that it poses a serious short-, me-

1       dium-, and long-term threat to the health of the  
2       United States economy;

3               (2) the gross interest costs on the National debt  
4       now exceed defense expenditures in the Federal  
5       budget and are one of the fastest-growing compo-  
6       nents in the Federal budget;

7               (3) the American people are demanding serious  
8       and fundamental changes in the Federal Govern-  
9       ment's management of spending priorities and over-  
10      all fiscal stewardship;

11              (4) Federal Government programs that are not  
12      absolutely necessary to the health and well-being of  
13      the American people must be closely scrutinized for  
14      possible funding reduction or elimination;

15              (5) the Advanced Solid Rocket Motor (hereafter  
16      in this Act referred to as the "ASRM") program has  
17      not been sought by the National Aeronautics and  
18      Space Administration (hereafter in this Act referred  
19      to as "NASA");

20              (6) the National Research Council and the  
21      Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel have concluded  
22      that the ASRM program involves high technical and  
23      programmatic risks and should be reconsidered;

1           (7) the cost estimates of the ASRM program  
2       have doubled in the past 5 years, and the program  
3       has fallen more than 4 years behind schedule; and

4           (8) termination of the ASRM program could  
5       save the Federal Government several billion dollars.

6 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF THE ADVANCED SOLID ROCKET**  
7 **MOTOR PROGRAM.**

8       (a) PROHIBITION.—Effective 90 days after the date  
9       of enactment of this section, no appropriated funds shall  
10      be available for use on the ASRM program.

11      (b) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the provisions of  
12      subsection (a), not to exceed \$50,000,000 of such funds  
13      referred to in subsection (c) may be used in terminating  
14      the ASRM program.

15      (c) UNEXPENDED FUNDS.—Any funds appropriated  
16      for use on the ASRM program that remain unobligated  
17      and unexpended 90 days after the date of enactment of  
18      this section shall be credited to the general revenues of  
19      the United States Treasury.

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